

House File 2161 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the board of parole.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 904A.1, Code 2011, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **904A.1 Board of parole — divisions.**

4 1. The board of parole is created to consist of ~~five~~ six
5 members. Each member, except the chairperson and the vice
6 chairperson, shall be compensated on a day-to-day basis. Each
7 member shall serve a term of four years beginning and ending
8 as provided by section 69.19, except for members appointed to
9 fill vacancies who shall serve for the balance of the unexpired
10 term. The terms shall be staggered. The chairperson and vice
11 chairperson of the board shall be full-time, salaried members
12 of the board.

13 2. The board of parole may be divided into divisions of
14 three, five, or six members for the purpose of considering
15 inmates for parole and work release. The board shall prescribe
16 rules to provide for the submission of cases to the entire
17 board or to the separate divisions. A majority of the members
18 of the board or of a division of the board constitutes a quorum
19 to transact business.

20 Sec. 2. Section 904A.4, subsection 1, Code 2011, is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 1. The board of parole shall interview and consider inmates
23 for parole and work release and a simple majority vote of the
24 members of the board or of a division of the board is required
25 to grant a parole or work release.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill increases the number of members of the board of
28 parole from five to six and permits the board to be divided
29 into divisions of three, five, or all six members for the
30 purpose of considering inmates for parole and work release.
31 The bill provides that a majority of the members of the board
32 or of a division of the board constitutes a quorum to transact
33 business and to grant a parole or work release. The bill
34 specifically provides that a simple majority of the members is
35 necessary to grant a parole or work release.